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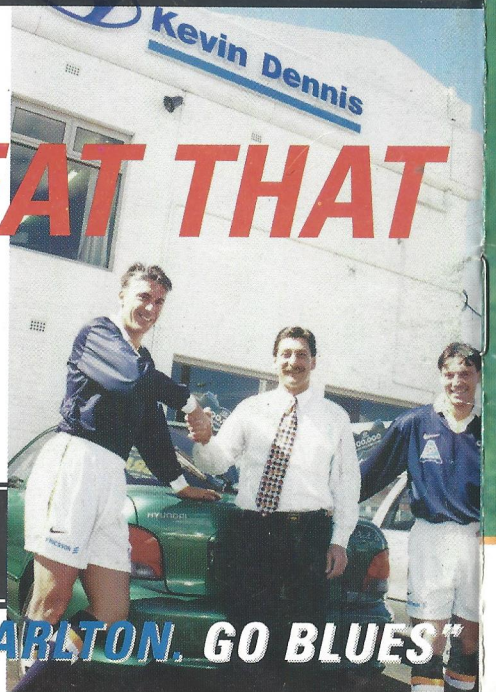


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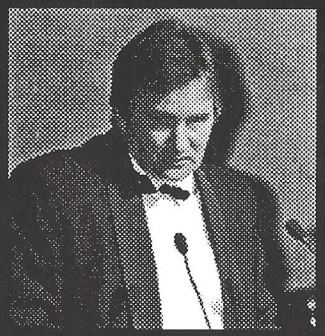
# *From The Chair*

## *Jack Reilly - Chairman of the Carlton Soccer Club*



**What an absolutely fantastic win against the Melbourne Knights last Sunday night at Knights Stadium.**

**In what is definitely one of the most daunting away fixtures in the Ericsson Cup, the Carlton side was not the least bit intimidated and played one of the best matches of the season.**

**Yet the most encouraging sign was the level of support for Carlton around the stadium.**

**There were Carlton supporters with flags, caps and t-shirts, and to hear "Carlton, Carlton" being chanted throughout the stadium was fantastic - I am sure it provided the players with an added boost.**

**I look forward to the team continuing the current form and get us closer to an historic finals birth.**

**Have a great day at Optus Oval.**

### *R.I.P. ANTHONY CONDELLO*

***On a sadder note, Carlton Soccer Club would like to offer its deepest sympathy to the Condello family following the tragic death of Anthony (aged 10) who was struck and killed by a car near his home on Friday February 27.***
***Anthony was a junior member of Carlton (and a regular clinic participant) and also a member of the Fawkner Soccer Club Under 11 side.***
***Our thoughts are with Anthony's parents John and Kathy and sister Stephanie during this sad time.***
***As a tribute to Anthony one minutes silence was observed at last weekend's match against the Melbourne Knights (pictured above)***

***Cover: 'Mr Consistent' Andy Vlahos on the ball***
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A PASSING GLANCE AT TODAY'S OPPONENT

# MARCONI STALLIONS

Current position: **6th**
Goals +: **23**
Goals -: **24**
Top scorer: **Brad Maloney (7)**

Player to watch: **Gabriel Mendez**
Last result: **0-0 home draw with Wollongong**
Coach: **Zoran Matic**
Home ground: **Marconi Stadium**

**After a slow to the season Marconi has launched a strong bid for a place in the finals with some impressive results.**

**The Stallions will be looking for all three points at Optus Oval in order to enhance their position in the Top Six as well as gaining revenge on a Carlton side which won 2-1 last time these two sides met at Marconi Stadium in November.**

**Zoran Matic has a strong squad at his disposal with many experienced players the calibre of Francis Awaritefe, Mark Babic, Dominic Longo, Gabriel Mendez, Brad Maloney and of course the Korean pair of Yoon and Kim.**

**Neither side can afford to lose which makes for an encounter full of caution but also one full of attacking play as the respective attacks search for a winning goal.**

**It promises to be one of the matches of the year and what better setting than the magnificent Optus Oval.**

*Weekly round-up of tables, fixtures, statistics*

# Around the league

**ROUND 20 RESULTS**

ADELAIDE SHARKS 2 (F Tibaldi 73 A Duric 83)
SOUTH MELBOURNE 0
Hindmarsh Stadium. Referee: M Shield. Crowd: 2,900

UTS OLYMPIC 3 (W Ardone 12 N Carle 63 L Carle 89)
PERTH GLORY 1 (B Despotovski 68)
Belmore Sports Ground. Referee: C Diomis. Crowd: 3,338.

CARLTON 4 (J Markovski 16, 76, Vlahos 23, Anthopoulos 48)
MELBOURNE KNIGHTS 2 (T Pondeljak 18, Anastasiadis og 66)
Knights Stadium. Referee: B Hugo. Crowd: abt 5,500.

BRISBANE STRIKERS 2 (J Harris 26, 87)
ADELAIDE CITY 2 (A Tobin 52 pen, D Mori 54)
Suncorp Stadium. Referee: G. Connolly. Crowd: 3,969.

MARCONI FAIRFIELD 0
WOLLONGONG WOLVES 0
Marconi Stadium. Referee: S Micallef. Crowd: 5,139.

NEWCASTLE BREAKERS 3 (R Ironside 46, C Zane 48, J Bennett 85)
SYDNEY UNITED 1 (M. Phillips 24)
Topper Stadium, Referee: G Leverton. Crowd: 2,119.

CANBERRA COSMOS 1
GIPPSLAND FALCONS 3 (MacNicol, Thompson 2)
Seiffert Oval.

## ROUND 22 FIXTURES:

**Friday:** Newcastle v. Adelaide City
**Saturday:** Marconi v. Sydney United, Canberra v. South Melbourne
**Sunday:** Gippsland v. Wollongong, Adelaide Sharks v. Perth Glory, Melbourne Knights v. Brisbane, UTS Olympic v. Carlton

## TABLE FOLLOWING ROUND 20

| | p. | w. | d. | l. | g+ | g- | pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sth Melbourne** | **20** | **11** | **6** | **3** | **46** | **28** | **39** |
| **Adelaide City** | **19** | **11** | **3** | **5** | **39** | **22** | **36** |
| **Sydney Utd** | **20** | **10** | **6** | **4** | **30** | **19** | **36** |
| **CARLTON** | **20** | **8** | **9** | **3** | **27** | **19** | **33** |
| **Wollongong** | **20** | **10** | **2** | **8** | **41** | **24** | **32** |
| **MARCONI** | **20** | **8** | **5** | **7** | **23** | **24** | **29** |
| Perth | 20 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 27 | 32 | 28 |
| Gippsland | 20 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 21 | 23 | 27 |
| Melb Knights | 19 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 27 | 25 | 26 |
| Adelaide Sh | 20 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 25 | 29 | 25 |
| UTS Olympic | 20 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 27 | 37 | 24 |
| Brisbane | 20 | 6 | 2 | 12 | 19 | 30 | 20 |
| Canberra | 20 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 22 | 43 | 15 |
| Newcastle | 20 | 3 | 5 | 11 | 25 | 43 | 14 |

## TOP SCORERS FOLLOWING ROUND 20:

**17** Damian Mori (Adelaide City)
**13** Pablo Cardozo (Adel Sharks)
**12** Scott Chipperfield (Wollongong)
**10** Paul Trimboli (Sth Melb)
Norman Tome (UTS Olympic)
Tom Pondeljak (Melb Knights)

## STATISTICS AFTER ROUND 20:

**Total goals: 395**
**Average per match: 2.66**

# CARLTON SHORTS

Carlton ventured to Albury - Wodonga last week to take on the Olyroos in a special friendly match which the Olyroos won 2-0. The Carlton team consisted of the Academy squad and a selection of senior players.

Over 3000 people attended the match in what was a truly successful day for the border region soccer administrators. The Albury Wodonga Soccer Association is a feeder to the Carlton Soccer Club and the word from those who travelled to the match is that the AWSA is very keen to host Carlton again - perhaps for a league match.

***The ball boys for today's encounter against Marconi are from the Meadow Park Soccer Club, which is a great supporter of the Carlton soccer Club. We welcome them to this afternoon's clash.***

The Carlton boys were busy this week, visiting all of the feeder clubs to meet the hundreds of young players who I am sure share the dream of one day playing for Carlton in the Ericsson Cup! The players were overwhelmed with the response from the juniors who are all excitedly looking forward to Carlton playing off in the finals (who isn't!).

***The final two home matches - round 23 and 25 - have been transferred to the newly revamped Olympic Park. The clash against Newcastle Breakers takes place on Monday March 23 (7.30pm kickoff) whilst the clash against Gippsland Falcons is on Sunday April 4 also at 7.30pm. Mark your diaries to make sure you don't miss out on these two important dates.***

# ACADEMY NEWS

**The Carlton Academy suffered a disappointing 3-2 loss to league leaders Melbourne Knights last Sunday. The defeat leaves Carlton three points off the pace but with a game in hand as the home and away season approaches its final stages.**

**Ivica Klarica and Jovanco Novacevski scored the goals for Carlton in the loss to the Knights.**

**Today Carlton takes on fifth-placed Bulleen in what promises to be an entertaining curtain-raiser to the senior game.**

1. Steve Tilovski
2. David Della Rocca
3. David Grbac
4. Adam Pongho
5. Serdar Pir
6. Ivica Klarica
7. Jovanko Novacevski
8. Steve Martin
9. Alex Josifovski
10. Cameron Pino
11. Pece Siveski
12. Marco Maisano
13. Ace Stojevski
14. Ivan Perkov
15. Paul Williams
17. Nick Tolios
18. Deniz Ekici
19. Dusko Dooley
20. Adrian Cagalj

Coach : Jeff Olver

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | G+ | G- | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Melb Knights | 16 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 69 | 17 | 42 |
| Carlton | 15 | 13 | 0 | 2 | 33 | 9 | 39 |
| Gipp Falcons | 16 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 35 | 16 | 35 |
| VIS | 15 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 36 | 17 | 27 |
| Bulleen Inter | 15 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 26 | 20 | 26 |
| Bentleigh | 16 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 20 | 30 | 20 |
| Heidelberg | 16 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 19 | 40 | 19 |
| Albury Wod. | 16 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 23 | 24 | 16 |
| South Melbourne | 16 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 30 | 29 | 12 |
| Altona Magic | 15 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 18 | 53 | 11 |
| South Rockets | 16 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 13 | 67 | 4 |

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# KNIGHT TO REMEMBER FOR THE BLUES

**by Tony Ising**

*The Melbourne Knights were silenced by a travelling army of Carlton supporters on Sunday, and by the 4-2 scoreline to the Blues.*

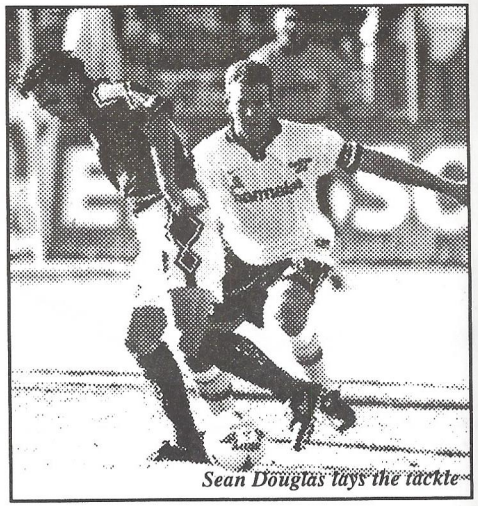
*The Blues' demolition job started early, with Markovski scoring the opener after Simon Colosimo's header was only partially blocked by the Knights defence.*

*The lead was short lived, with David Cervinski crashing into John Didulica in the box for a Knights penalty, duly converted by Tom Pondeljak. Carlton showed terrific spirit to fight back and regain the lead after 23 minutes. A magical John Markovski cross landed right on the head of Andy Vlahos, who bulleted home the Blues' second goal.*

*The Knights barely had a sniff for the rest of the half, with Carlton dominating most of the play and the opportunities. John Markovski was tormenting his previous team mates up front, as was David Cervinski in defence. Con Anthopoulos weaved a spell around the Knights defence early in the second half to score a deflected goal from an acute angle to make the scores 3-1.*

*Marco Bresciano and Simon Colosimo were both playing blinders, ensuring the Knights were kept quiet while allowing the Blues midfielders to exert their dominance on the game. In fact, the Knights didn't have a chance on goal all day. They reduced the deficit only when Dean Anastasiadis juggled a cross into hs own net after a seemingly illegal challenge by Andrew Marth. The ref allowed the goal to the dismay of the Carlton players and fans.*

*A nervous 25 minutes awaited the Blues as they tried to rest 3 points from their cross-town rivals. However, the Carlton faithful had no reason to worry, as the Blues continued to dominate proceedings in the second half. Marco Bresciano deserved better when his spectacular shot from outside the penalty area crashed against the crossbar. Carlton did indeed extended the winning margin to 4-2 when John Markovski bustled through 2 defenders to latch on to a long clearance from the edge of the area. A great victory for the Blues, consolidating our position in the top six.*



*Sean Douglas lays the tackle*

***A REAL CLAYTON'S SEND-OFF***

*(The sending off you have when you don't have a sending off!)*

*Speaking of bad luck (were we?) how about poor old Clayton Zane? After putting Newcastle into the lead against Sydney United in spectacular fashion, Zane was handed his second yellow card for over celebration of a goal and was subsequently sent off.*

*Now I know I might be dreaming but one day I hope to become President of FIFA. One thing I'll be doing is ensuring Australia gets an easy passage to the World Cup. The other thing I'll do is get rid of stupid rules which prevent players from celebrating a goal.*

*How many chances in a soccer match does the crowd really get to let its hair down? Exuberant celebrations of goals give the crowd a chance to soak in the excitement of scoring. How many times have we seen a team's supporters start cheering and chanting after a goal when the restart is taken quickly and the opposition scores straight away? Okay, maybe not that many, but it does happen! Soccer is in danger of becoming over govererned, and rules such as this are just a joke.*

***TRUE-BLUE LOU***

*This week's Carlton "Quote of the Month" Award goes to General Manager Lou Sticca. In reply to a question about Adrian Cervinski wearing a Carlton tracksuit at the game against the Knights, Lou was quoted in Monday's Herald Sun as saying "He likes our merchandise!".*

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## ROUND 23 V. NEWCASTLE BREAKERS
## OLYMPIC PARK
## MONDAY MARCH 23
## 7.30PM KICK-OFF

**Curtain-Raiser: Sth Werribee v. Melbourne City**
**5.30pm kick-off**

## ROUND 25 V. GIPPSLAND FALCONS
## OLYMPIC PARK
## SUNDAY April 4
## 7.30PM KICK-OFF

**Curtain-Raiser: Youth League**
**Carlton Academy v. Gippsland Falcons**
**5.30pm kick-off**

**Please note: In the event of Carlton successfully finishing in the Top 6 all home finals will be played at Optus Oval**

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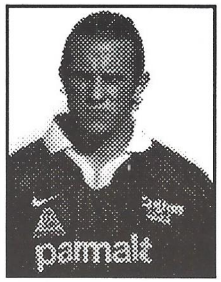
Dean Anastasiadis

Robert Trajkovski

Marcus Stergiopoulos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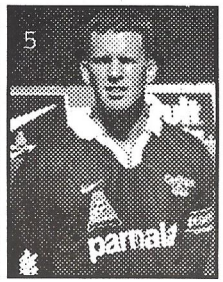
Sean Douglas (c)

Con Anthopoulos

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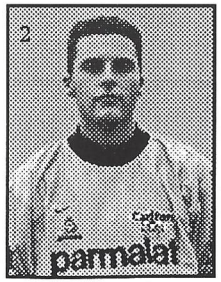
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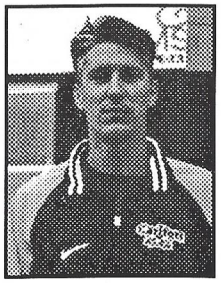
Eddie Krncevic

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# Carlton SC

*Coach: Eddie Krncevic*
*Captain: Sean Douglas*

| | y/c | r/c | goals | substitute off: | replaced by: |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Dean Anastasiadis (vc) | | | | | |
| 2. Robert Trajkovski | | | | | |
| 3. Marcus Stergiopoulos | | | | | |
| 5. Sean Douglas (C) | | | | | |
| 6. Con Anthopoulos | | | | | |
| 7. Kresimir Marusic | | | | | |
| 10. Lubo Lapsansky | | | | | |
| 11. Andrew Vlahos | | | | | |
| 12. Simon Colosimo | | | | | |
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*Captain: Brad Maloney*

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| 1. Ante Kovic | | | | | |
| 3. Mark Babic | | | | | |
| 4. Ansaldi | | | | | |
| 5. Dominic Longo | | | | | |
| 6. Luke Casserly | | | | | |
| 7. Christian Care | | | | | |
| 8. McDonald | | | | | |
| 9. Van Cyl'berg | | | | | |
| 10. Brad Maloney | | | | | |
| 11. Luke Tomich | | | | | |
| 12. Manis Lamond | | | | | |
| 13. Yoon (Sang Chul) | | | | | |
| 15. Palpanis | | | | | |
| 16. Sean Babic | | | | | |
| 17. Francis Awaritefe | | | | | |
| 19. Brendan Renaud | | | | | |
| 21. Paul Souris | | | | | |
| 22. Kim Pen-Keun | | | | | |
| 23. Vlado Zoric | | | | | |
| 26. Gabriel Mendez | | | | | |

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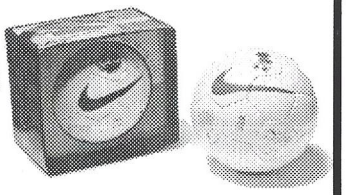

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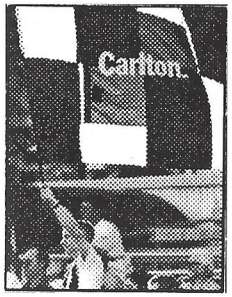


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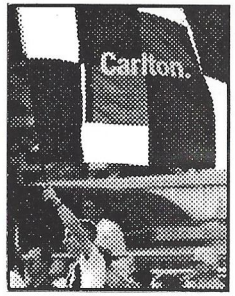



We have noticed many of our fans using their creative juices to make their very own flags to bring to the games.

And as a reward, from today onwards our 'Flag of the Week' will be photographed and will appear in future issues of KICK OFF.

The best flags will be selected at half-time and the winners will receive a Carlton t-shirt.

So get your material and paint and whip up a flag!

*WINNER: Big John Markovski has quite a fan club amongst the Carlton faithful and everyone knows just how lethal that left foot can be! Congratulations to our first flag winner - we will be in touch to award you a prize for your effort!*

**PATRONS PLEASE NOTE THAT**

(a) entry inside the perimeter fence of the playing area is prohibited at all times and offenders will be prosecuted.
(b) all spectators are requested to vacate the ground within 15 minutes of the end of the final game.
(c) police may be requested to remove any unauthorised persons who remain after the stipulated time.
(d) the setting alight of, or the igniting or discharging of any type of object, including fireworks, signal or smoke flares, is strictly prohibited.

**OFFENDERS WILL BE ARRESTED & CHARGED**

# "THE SWOOSH BRIGADE"

## Carlton Soccer Junior Supporters Club

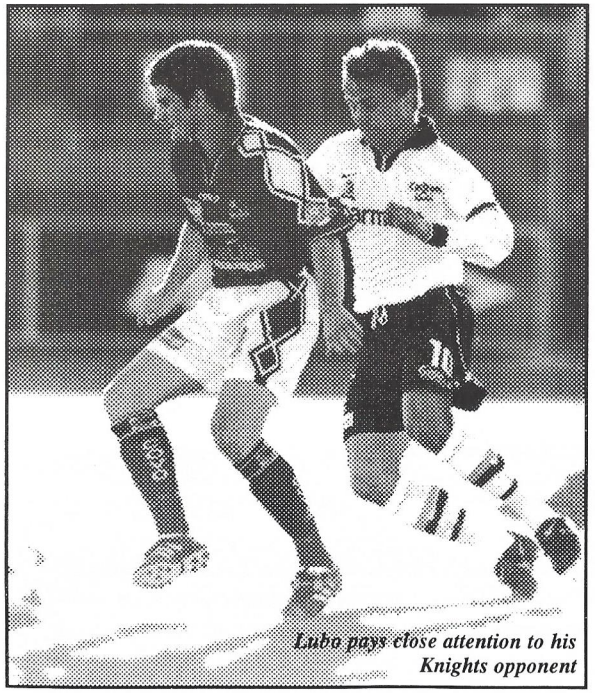
## FANS OF THE WEEK

This week's Fan of the Week Award is shared by all the true-blue Carlton supporters who made the journey to Knights Park on the weekend. Your vocal support helped the team to one of its best of the season so far. Come on the Blues!

These Blues fans were delirious with last weekend's 4-2 victory against the Melbourne Knights, one of Carlton's most emphatic of the season. Many wished out aloud that all Carlton's matches should be played away from home, considering the team's fantastic record on the road this season. It almost seemed there were more Carlton supporters that Knights supporters, and after John Markovski scored Carlton's 4th late in the second half, a quick crowd count may have proved this correct as Knights fans flooded out of the ground in disappointment.

We need all Carlton supporters to recreate the kind of noise they generated at Knights Park here at Optus Oval. Don't be shy! Get out and shout about the team! When you go to work on Monday, tell the boss you lost your voice cheering for the Blues! Wear outrageous clothes to the games and get on SBS TV on Monday nights!

Join the lads in the Carlton cheer squad area of the ground and make a real difference. In the finals (touch wood) we'll need everyone in fine voice to create an intimidating atmosphere for visiting teams. So come on and get in some good practice today!



*Lubo pays close attention to his Knights opponent*

## JOIN THE CLUB

True Blue supporters of Carlton Soccer Club are invited to join "The Swoosh Brigade", the Carlton Supporters Club in the Cheer Squad area of Optus Oval for every home game. Located by the fence right on the half way line of the ground, fans will be encouraged to generate as much noise and atmosphere as they can muster. It costs nothing to join - so be part of the fun!

Bring along your flags and wear your Carlton merchandise!

The team needs to hear your collective support and there is no better way than to bring together our fans and show the rest of the league how to support a club in a clean, fair and enjoyable way , just good old-fashioned encouragement!

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# 1997-98 BEKO

## *Carlton Player of the Year Award*

**The 1997-98 Inaugural Carlton Player of the Year Award is proudly sponsored by BEKO with a tremendous prize on offer to the winner.**

**The Carlton player who scores the most votes over the course of the season as voted by members of local and interstate media will win a magnificent 68 centimetre colour television valued at $1200.The voting is hotting up in this prestigious competition, the inaugural "Carlton Player of the Year Award".**

**As we approach the halfway point of the season we will take a break in printing the votegetters and resume later in the season.**

**In Round 23 we will unveil the leading votegetters in what is sure to be a tight contest which any player is still eligible to win.**

**Will it be Kresimir Marusic, Lubo Lapsanksy, Sean Douglas, Mark Atkinson or Dean Anastasiadis? Or can a 'smokey' come from behind to clinch the award?**

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# "HAIL HAIL THE BLUES"

## as sung by The Music Men

HAIL HAIL THE BLUES ARE HERE
CARLTON FOREVER, CARLTON FOREVER
HAIL HAIL THE BLUES ARE HERE
CARLTON ARE THE CHAMPIONS!
OH IT'S A GRAND OLD TEAM TO PLAY FOR
OH IT'S A GRAND OLD TEAM TO SEE!
AND IF YOU KNOW THE HISTORY
IT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE YOUR HEARTS GO
WHOAAAH

WE DON'T CARE WHAT THE OTHER TEAMS SAY !
WHAT THE HELL DO WE CARE
FOR WE ONLY KNOW
THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE A SHOW
AND THE MIGHTY CARLTON WILL BE THERE !
AND THE MIGHTY CARLTON WILL BE THERE !
COME ON YOU BLUES !
COME ON YOU BLUES !
COME ON YOU BLUES !

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## *"Advance Australia Fair"*

*Australians all let us rejoice*
*For we are young and free,*
*We've golden soil and wealth for toil*
*Our home is girt by sea,*
*Our land abounds with nature's gifts*
*Of beauty rich and rare,*
*In history's page let every stage Advance*
*Australia Fair.*
*In joyful strains then let us sing,*
*Advance Australia Fair*

*Beneath our radiant Southern Cross*
*We'll toil with hearts and hands,*
*To make this Commonwealth of ours*
*Renowned of all the lands,*
*For those who've come across the seas*
*We've boundless plains to share,*
*With courage let us all combine to Advance*
*Australia Fair.*
*In joyful strains then let us sing,*
*Advance Australia Fair*

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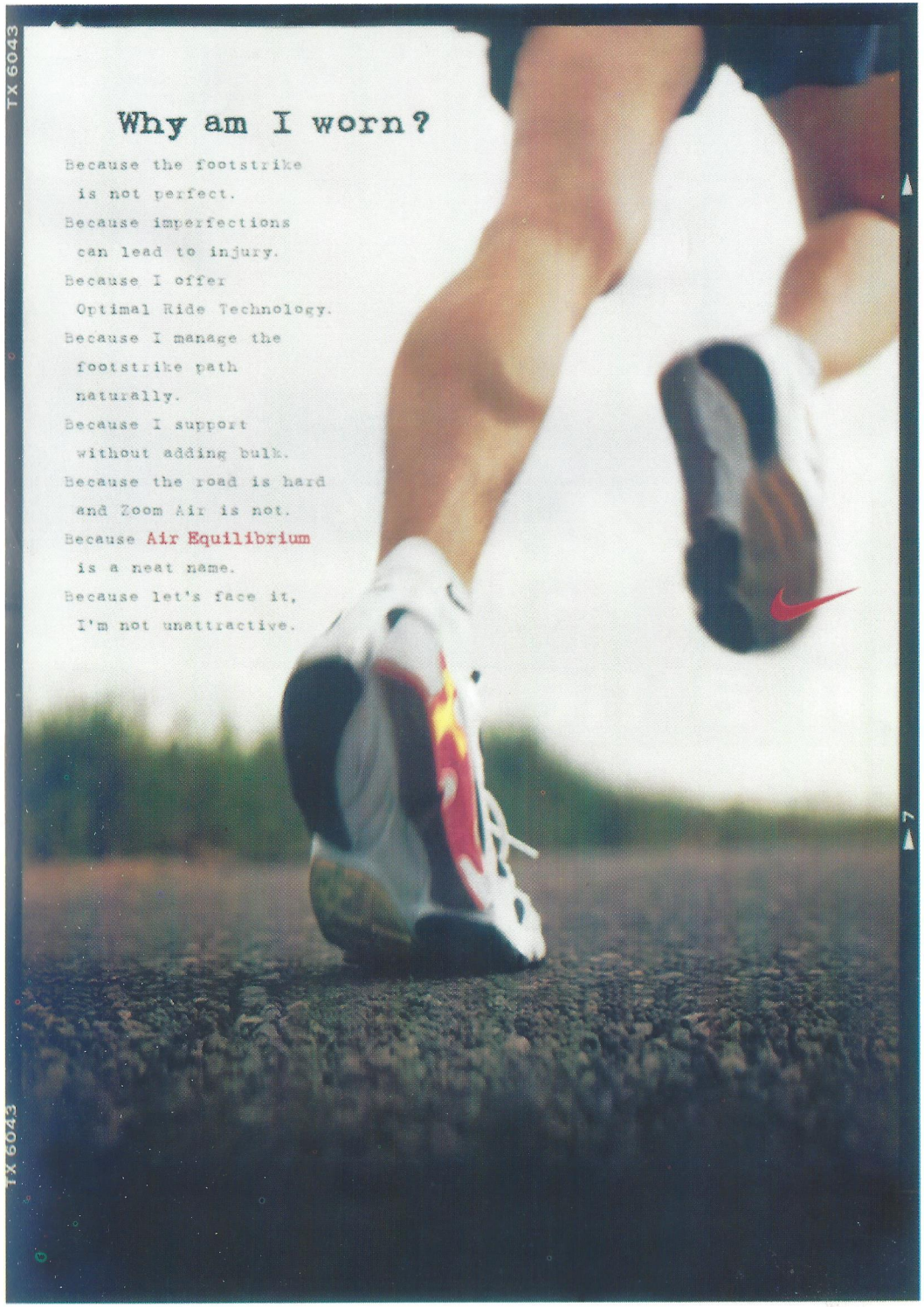
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